

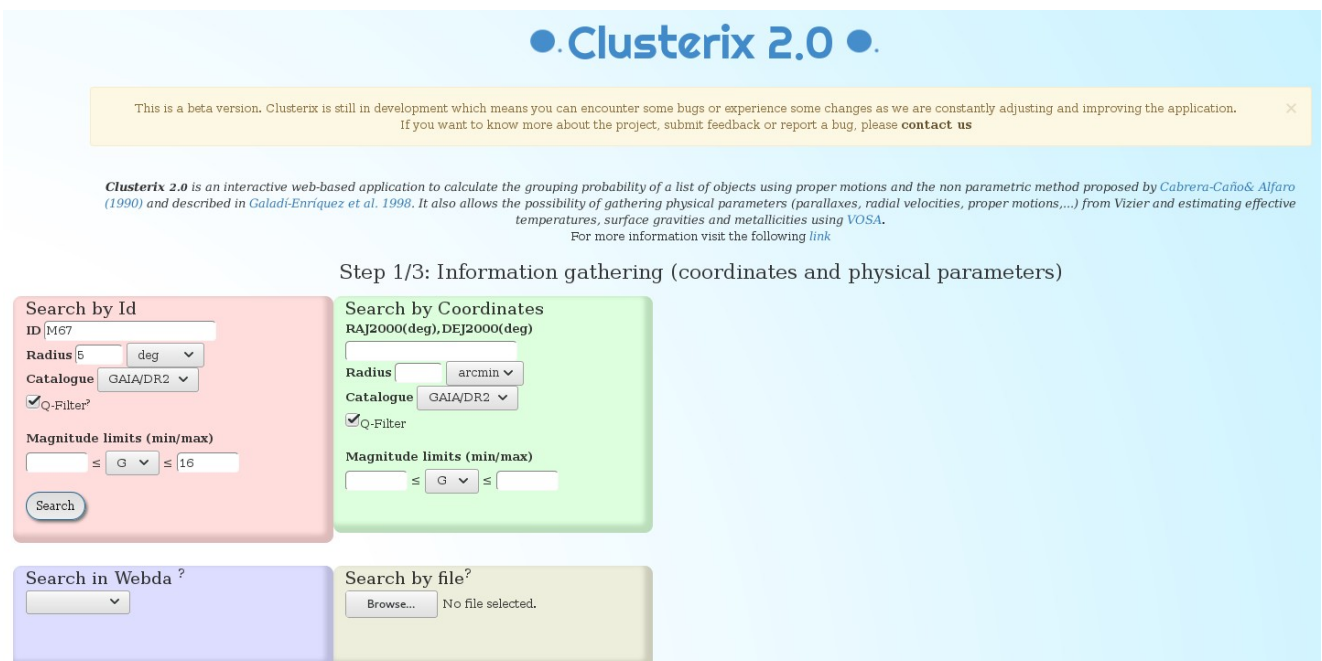
- **Title: Identifying and characterizing cluster members.**
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- **Last update: 2019 Nov 1st.**
- **VO-Tools:** Clusterix, TOPCAT, VOSA
- **Scientific background:** Open clusters (OCs) are coeval groups of stars formed from the same molecular cloud and, thus, having the same age and initial chemical composition. This makes them ideal targets to study the formation and evolution of stellar objects.

The determination of the mean properties of open clusters requires prior knowledge of their members to optimise the costly process of obtaining and reducing high resolution spectroscopic data on a large scale. Hence, a precise identification of the stars that compose a cluster is critical to accurately determine the kinematic and fundamental parameters of the clusters (age, total mass, etc.), which are essential for studies of Galactic dynamics.

In this tutorial we will work with M67, an old cluster (~3.6 Gyr) at about 900 pc with a near solar metallicity and low reddening. M67 is one of the best studied open clusters, considered a cornerstone of stellar astrophysics and used as a calibrator in many surveys. However there is no study covering a large area in spite of some studies on its corona showing that it is an extended cluster. Gaia Collaboration et al. (2018b) studied an area of 1 deg with $G < 20$ and found 1520 members.

Detailed information on Clusterix is given in Balaguer-Núñez et al. (<https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.07356>)

- **Using Clusterix to estimate cluster membership probabilities.**
 - Go to Clusterix web server → <http://clusterix.cab.inta-csic.es/clusterix/>
 - Fill in the fields as shown in Figure 1. Click “Search”



Clusterix 2.0

This is a beta version. Clusterix is still in development which means you can encounter some bugs or experience some changes as we are constantly adjusting and improving the application. If you want to know more about the project, submit feedback or report a bug, please **contact us**

Clusterix 2.0 is an interactive web-based application to calculate the grouping probability of a list of objects using proper motions and the non parametric method proposed by Cabrera-Cañó & Alfaro (1990) and described in Galadí-Enriquez et al. 1998. It also allows the possibility of gathering physical parameters (parallaxes, radial velocities, proper motions,...) from Vizier and estimating effective temperatures, surface gravities and metallicities using VOSA. For more information visit the following link

Step 1/3: Information gathering (coordinates and physical parameters)

Search by Id

ID

Radius deg

Catalogue GAIA/DR2

Q-Filter?

Magnitude limits (min/max)

G

Search by Coordinates

RAJ2000(deg), DEJ2000(deg)

Radius arcmin

Catalogue GAIA/DR2

Q-Filter?

Magnitude limits (min/max)

G

Search in Webda ?

Search by file?

No file selected.

Figure 1

- The result of the query is visualized using Aladin, where the objects obtained from the query are plotted as red diamonds. The individual representation of objects is limited to 40 000. If the result of a query exceeds this amount, then just a yellow circle enclosing the search region is drawn. (Figure 2)

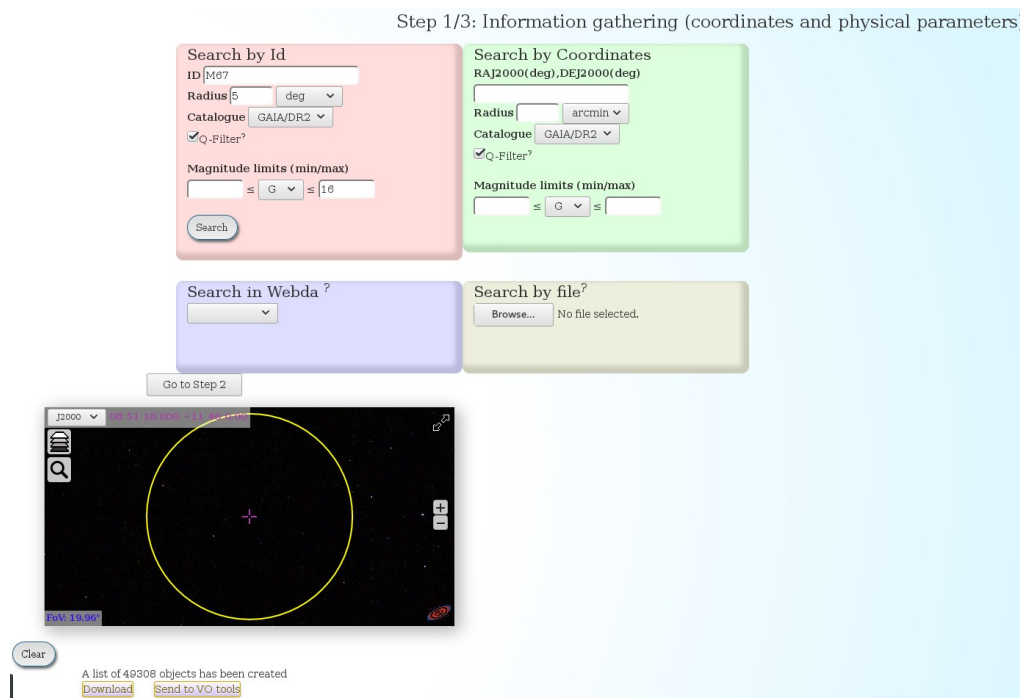


Figure 2

- Click on “Go to Step 2” to proceed to **Step2**.
 - The second step is to select the *cluster+field* (c+f) and *only field* (f) regions. The definition of these areas is one of the most critical decisions to take by the user, and Clusterix offers several ways to interactively shape and reshape these areas. The simplest option relies on mouse clicks to draw circles that define the *c+f* and *f* regions. The system also includes an easy way to set up a “clean” area around the c+f region to avoid a region that could still have a significant number of cluster members.

Alternatively, the user can specify the circular areas directly writing their parameters (in decimal degrees) in the corresponding boxes (format: "ra,dec,radius;"). For this tutorial, fill in the fields with the values given in Figure 3.

Also, in this second step, the user can customize the following parameters:

- Proper motion limits. Maximum value of the total proper motion (to discard objects that clearly cannot belong to the expected cluster population), and maximum value of the total proper motion error (to remove data of dubious quality).
- Magnitude range to further limit the selection done in Step 1.
- Smoothing parameter. Clusterix 2.0 proposes a default value for the smoothing parameter h . It represents the radius of the kernel windows used to compute the frequency functions. A large value would blur out the details of the frequency functions, while a small value would yield noisy results.

- Fine tuning values. To avoid meaningless probability values, Clusterix 2.0 restricts the probability calculations to stars with densities γ times above the noise.

Step 2/3: Region selection

Cluster info: M67_300_arcmin_GAIADR2

Cluster size provided by Simbad:
 Majaxis=25.0 arcmin
 Minaxis=25.0 arcmin

Selection of the "cluster+field" and "only field" regions

Area definition: Cluster+Field Void Field

Clear

| | |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Cluster+field: | Cluster+field area |
| 132.65,11.81,0.5; | 0.7853981633974483 |
| Void: | Void area |
| 132.65,11.81,2.9; | 25.635396053292713 |
| Only field: | Field area |
| 132.65,11.81,3.7; | 16.587609210954113 |

Membership determination parameters

Proper motion limits (mas/yr)
 Maximum μ : Maximum μ err:
 15.0 10.0

Magnitude range \leq mag. \leq

Smooth param (mas/yr) (?):
 0.8248967489843203

Fine tuning values
 γ threshold (?): 15.0
 Empirical frequency function min value \rightarrow
 0
 Probability min value
 0
 \leq pmRA \leq
 \leq pmDEC \leq

Matrix size?
 Normal High precision
 Total number of stars: 37248
 Number of stars in the "cluster+field" region: 1070
 Number of stars in the "field" region: 7676
 Field sample size? 7676

J2000 08 25 15.043 +14 22 46.11

FoV: 15.01°

Drawing info

Figure 3.

- The distribution functions computed using the parameters given in Figure 3 are shown in Figure 4.

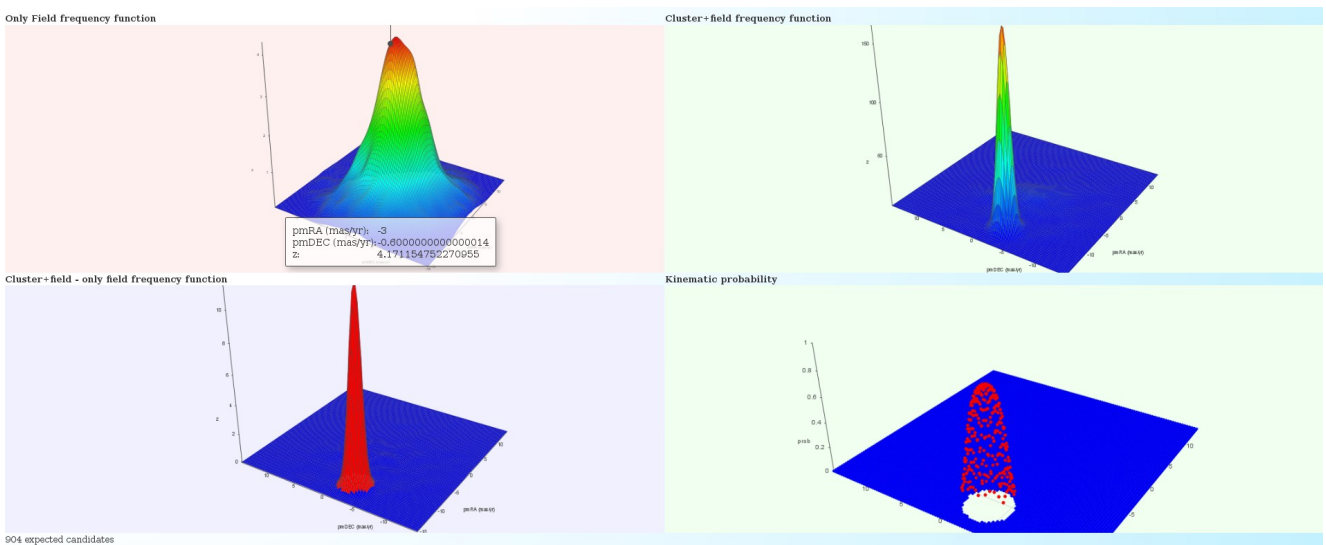


Figure 4

- Once the distribution functions have been computed you can go to **Step 3** by clicking “Go to Step 3”. Here you can find a summary of the main parameters used in the query as well as the list of cluster members. Those with the highest probabilities are ranked first. (Figure 5).

```
# Results were retrieved using Clusterix software
# http://clusterix.cab.inta-csic.es/
# In case of problems, please, report to: clusterix_archive_support@cab.inta-csic.es
#
# Labels:
#
# STAR_ID identifier of star retrieved from the input data
# RA right ascension of a star
# DEC declination of a star
# PM_RA proper motion in alpha
# PM_DEC proper motion in delta
# PROB probability that star belongs to evaluated open cluster
# FLAG membership NaN membership
#
# Parameters:
#
# CLUSTER INFO: M67_300_sccmin_GAIADR2
# PROPER MOTION CUTOFF: 15.00 mas/yr
# PROPER MOTION ERR CUTOFF: 10.00 mas/yr
# SEBYN PARAMETER: 0.02
# GAMMA FACTOR: 15.00
# QUERY MIN MAG (STEP 1):
# QUERY MAX MAG (STEP 1): 16
# FILTERED MIN MAG (STEP 2):
# FILTERED MAX MAG (STEP 2):
#
# Boundaries can be circles (Ra(2000)-center,Dec(2000)-center, radius degrees) or
# polygons (Ra,Dec Ra,Dec Ra,Dec ....). Each boundary is separated by :
#
# CLUSTER BOUNDARIES:
# 132.85,11.81,9.5:
#
# FIELD BOUNDARIES:
# 132.85,11.81,3.7:
#
# VOID BOUNDARIES:
# 132.85,11.81,2.9:
#
# NUM STARS: 49304
#
# EXPECTED NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 904
#
# For Webda clusters, STAR_ID is the merge of the Data source reference and the star number: Ref_Star
#
# Region values: F = star was inside a "only field" region
# C = star was inside a "cluster+field" region
# V = star was outside the selected regions
#
# Highest probability results sample (only 50 first shown).
#STAR_ID RAJ2000 DECJ2000 pmRA pmDEC epmDEC P11 eP11 BP eBP RP eRP G eG RV eRV PROB Region
31720 132.970320 11.735483 -11.156 0.074 -3.005 0.049 1.1198 0.0434 15.9063 0.0028 14.8353 0.0014 15.4447 3.0E-4 NaN NaN 0.913469E V
```

Figure 5.

- At the top left of this page there is a button “**Send to VO tools**”. Click here to send the table with the membership probabilities to TOPCAT (NOTE: TOPCAT must be open. SAMP broadcasting requires user authorization. A new window (“SAMP Hub Security”) may pop up asking for authorization. If so, click “Yes”). After this, a new table with 49 304 rows will be created.

• **Using TOPCAT to visualize the results**

- Once the table has been uploaded, we can visualize the results in TOPCAT by doing this:
 - In the TOPCAT main window → *Graphics / Plane Plot*. A new window “*Plane Plot*” will pop up.
 - Select the columns to be plotted (X: RA_PM; Y: DEC_PM). Use the mouse to center / zoom in / zoom out the graphic. You will clearly see the M67 overdensity in the proper motion parameter space (Figure 6).

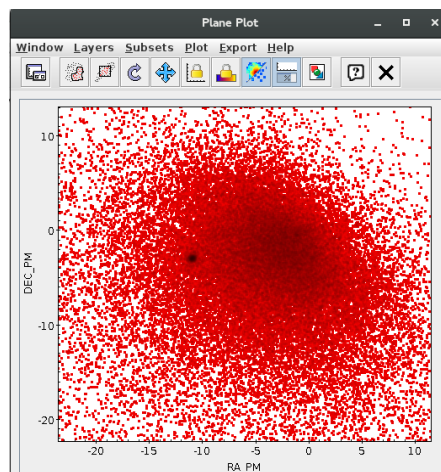


Figure 6.

- Let's now select the M67 members according the probabilities calculated by Clusterix.
 - In the TOPCAT main window → *View / Row Subsets*. A new window “*Row Subsets*” appears.
 - In the Row Subsets window → *Subsets / New subset*. A new window “*Define Row Subset*” pops up.
 - In the Define Row Subset window → *Subset name: filt; Expression:prob>0.8*. Click “OK”. (Figure 7)

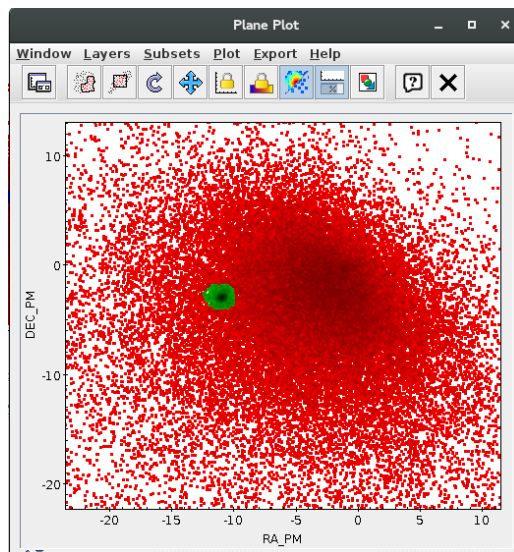


Figure 7

- Alternatively, you can build an histogram with the probability values (TOPCAT main window → *Graphics / Histogram Plot*. A new window “*Histogram Plot*” appears → Select the column to be plotted (X: Prob)) and use it to define your probability cut (Figure 8).

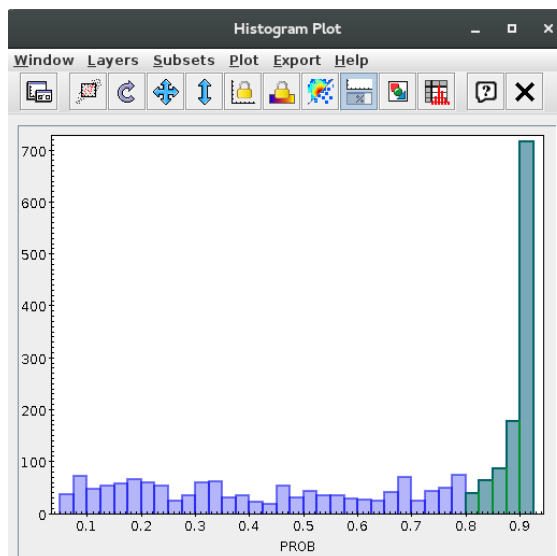


Figure 8

- Let's build now a colour-magnitude diagram with all the sources in the selected field.
 - In the TOPCAT main window → *Graphics / Plane Plot*. A new window “Plane Plot” will pop up.
 - Select the columns to be plotted (X: Bp-Rp; Y: Gmag).
 - Click Axes → Tick “Y Flip”. (Figure 9)

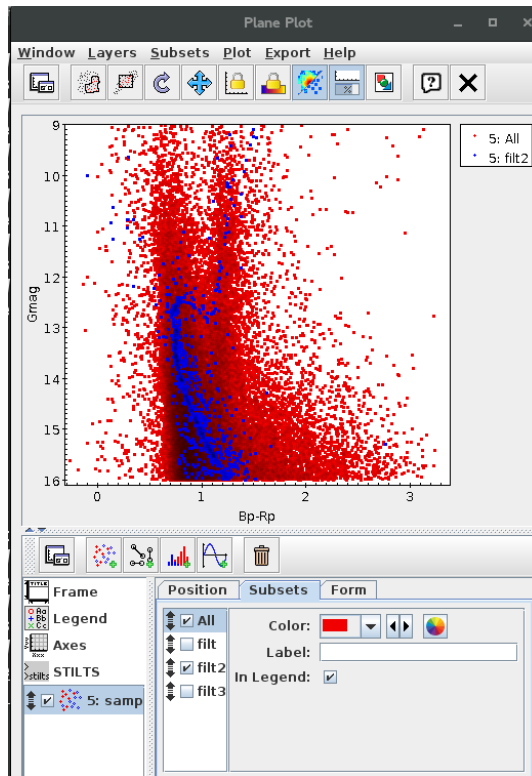


Figure 9.

- The membership selection made by Clusterix is based on proper motions only. Additionally, you can use the information on parallaxes to refine the selection.
 - *Graphics / Histogram Plot* (X: PLL). In the “Histogram Plot” window, tag “Subset”, deselect “All” and tick “filt” (Figure 10).

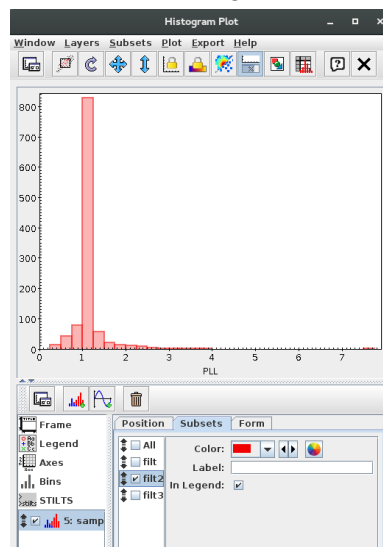


Figure 10

- In the TOPCAT main window → *View / Row Subsets*. A new window “*Row Subsets*” appears.
- In the Row Subsets window → *Subsets / New subset*. A new window “*Define Row Subset*” pops up.
- In the Define Row Subset window → *Subset name: filt2*;
Expression: filt&&pll>0.8&&pll<1.4. Click “OK”. The cluster sequence is now clearly seen in the colour-magnitude diagram (Figure 11).

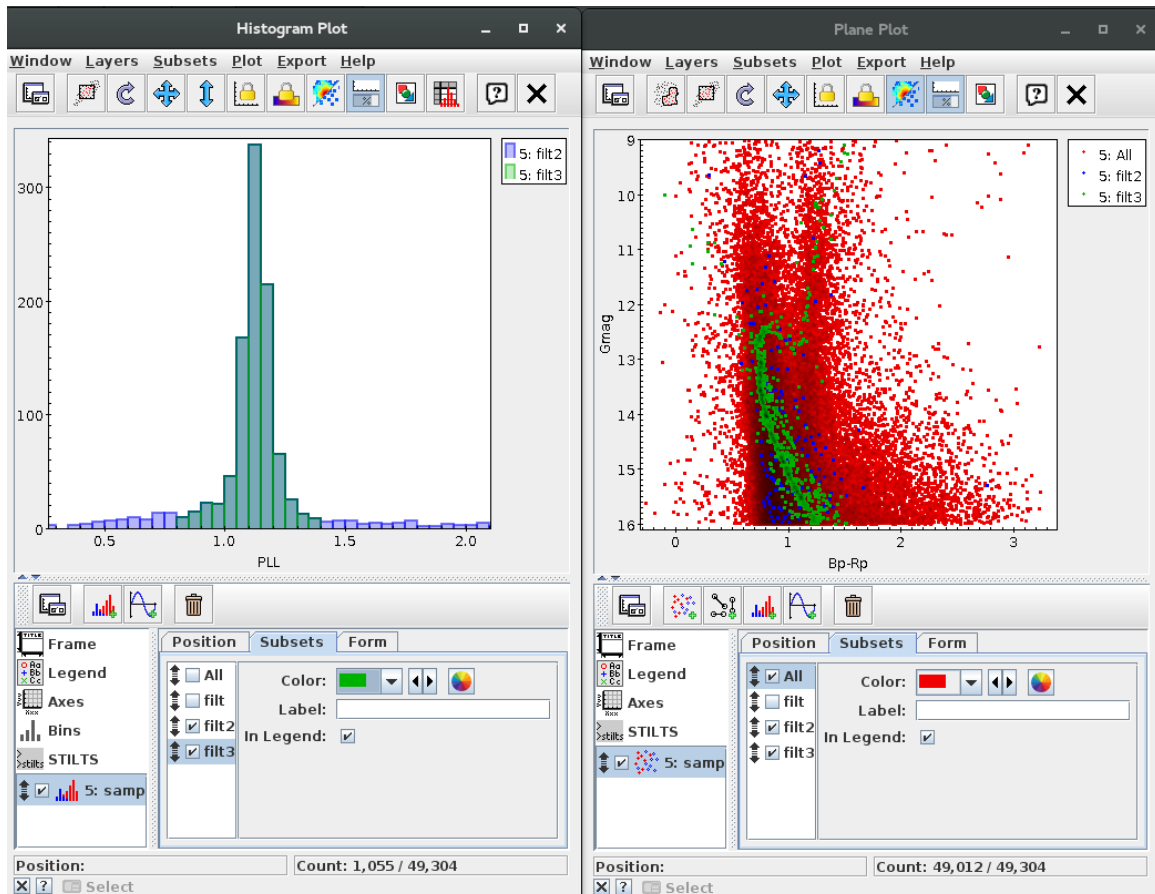


Figure 11

- The next step is to send the selected list of objects to VOSA to estimate their effective temperatures, luminosities and radii. →
 - In the TOPCAT main window → *Row Subset: filt2* (to keep the filtered sources only).
 - In the TOPCAT main window → *Views / Column info*. A new window “*Table Columns*” appears.
 - In the *Table Columns* window → *Columns / Hide all columns*. Then, in the “*Visible column*”, tick *STAR_NO, RA, DEC*
 - In the TOPCAT main window *File / Save Table(s) or Session / Filestore Browser* → *File Name: clusterix4vosa.txt*. *Output format: ascii* → Click “OK”. The file will contain 939 rows.

- **Using VOSA to estimate physical parameters**

- Step 1.- Go to <http://svo2.cab.inta-csic.es/theory/vosa/>

- Step 2.- To use VOSA you need to be registered. Click on “Register” and fill in the fields (email, name and passwd).

- **Tag "Files"**

- Step 3.- Upload the *vosa_nice.txt* file in VOSA (“File to upload”). It contains a subset (45 objects) of the original *clusterix4vosa.txt* file. We work with this subset in order to speed up the workflow. The file *vosa_nice.txt* is available from the web page of the school.

Give a description (free text). And then, click “Upload” (do not bother about the File type). The message “*your- file-name has been succesfully uploaded!*” will appear. Click “Continue”. If the message does not appear, go to “your files” section and click “Select”.

- **Tag "Objects"**

- Step 4.- Place the cursor on the “Objects” tag and then click “Distances”. Click “Search for Obj. Distances”. To make the Gaia DR2 distances the “final” distances, do the following: Go to the “Actions for all the objects in the file” panel, tick “Select values by ranking” and choose Gaia2 in the first place. Click “Make all changes”. The Gaia DR2 coordinates will appear in bold in the “Final” column. (Figure 12)

You have already searched the VO for distances.
If you want to do it again, please

[Delete VO data](#)

Actions for all the objects in the file

Here you can set the "Final" value of the distance for all the objects at the same time. Depending on the choices that you make, the changes will be done for all the objects in the file when you click the 'Make all changes' button.

What values do you trust better?

Select first user value if available. And then, if not, always the VO value with the smallest uncertainty (smaller value for $\Delta Dis/Dis$).

Select always the value with the smallest uncertainty (smaller value for $\Delta Dis/Dis$. If there is no value for ΔDis , we consider it the largest uncertainty).

Select values by ranking:

1: 2:

(Your first option will be chosen for every object if there is a value available. For those objects with no value in the first option, the second option will be chosen. And so on)

Apply changes depending on the uncertainty?

Always

Only when $\Delta Dis/Dis <$

[Make all changes](#)

Showing objects 1 to 5. Use pagination options if you wish.

Find object: Show: objects per page

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| Object | | | Final | | User | | GAIA DR2 | | | | | | |
|--------|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|--------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------|-------------------|
| Name | RA (deg) | DEC (deg) | Dis (pc) | ΔDis (pc) | D (pc) | ΔDis (pc) | Δ (arcsec) | RA (deg) | DEC (deg) | Plx (mas) | ΔPlx (mas) | D (pc) | ΔDis (pc) |
| 15679 | 132.027592 | 10.57096 | 880.196 | 22.616 | ... | ... | 0.0030735851265057 | 132.02759246316404 | 10.570960420465015 | 1.1361101050261089 | 0.029191730674133713 | 880.196 | 22.616 |
| 16088 | 132.498168 | 10.931766 | 921.531 | 34.538 | ... | ... | 0 | 132.49816818135918 | 10.931765430144841 | 1.0851508916344248 | 0.04067067688751698 | 921.531 | 34.538 |
| 16218 | 132.951477 | 11.302158 | 875.569 | 25.849 | ... | ... | 0.0030735851265057 | 132.95147706871484 | 11.302158774069289 | 1.1421149775110468 | 0.033718302499033716 | 875.569 | 25.849 |
| 17136 | 132.539938 | 11.644976 | 869.840 | 22.350 | ... | ... | 0 | 132.5399376469525 | 11.644975948286406 | 1.1496372464838465 | 0.029538743371272977 | 869.840 | 22.350 |
| 17248 | 131.872333 | 11.478723 | 868.712 | 24.966 | ... | ... | 0 | 131.87233325946556 | 11.478722560417966 | 1.1511289741265665 | 0.033081948480270955 | 868.712 | 24.966 |

[Save Obj. Distances](#)

(Clicking this button you will save the options that you have selected individually in this page. If you want to make global choices for all the objects in the file, use the form above)

Figure 12.

- **Tag "Build SEDs"**

- Step 5.- Place the cursor on the “Build SEDs” tag and then click “VO photometry”. Here we will be able to look for photometric information of our objects in different VO catalogues. In order not to slow down too much the tutorial, click “unmark All” and select only 2MASS,

WISE and APASS9. Then, click “Query selected services” at the bottom of the page. Once this is done, a summary table with the VO photometry (in flux units) will appear (Figure 13).

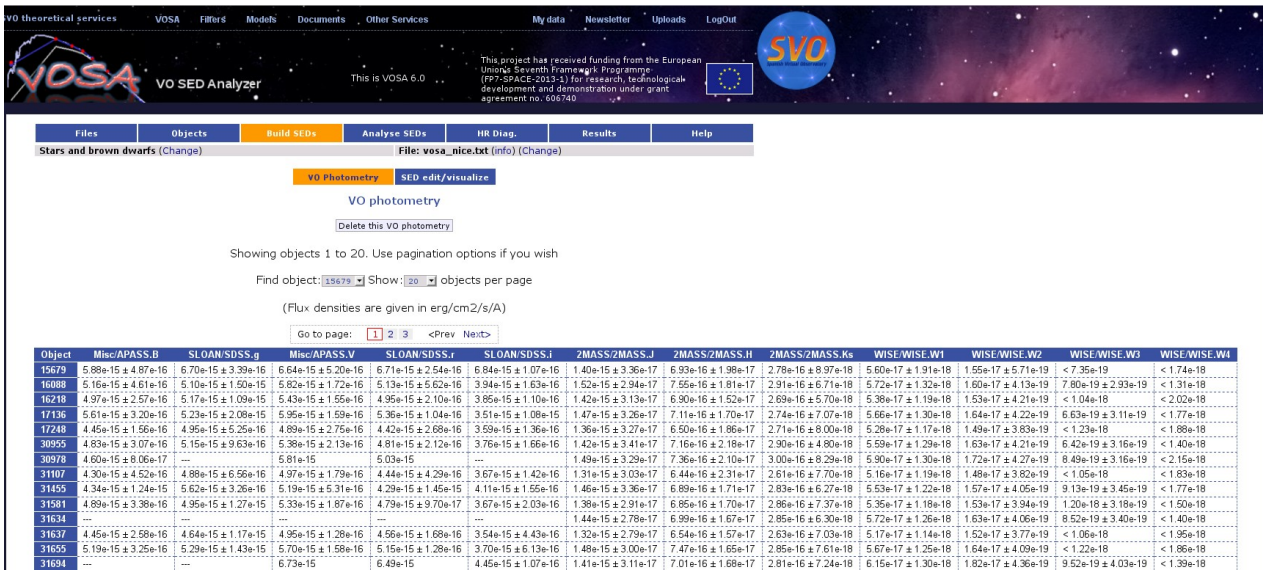


Figure13

- Step 6.- Place the cursor on the “Build SEDs” tag and then click “SED edit/visualize”. This tag gives us the possibility of visualising/modifying the SED before the model fitting. VOSA gathers from VO services not only the photometric information but also different metadata of interest (Object name, observing date and information on quality). In particular, VOSA uses the information on quality to automatically identify bad photometric points and remove them from the fitting. Upper limits are treated in a similar way (see, for instance, WISE W3 and W4 for object “15679”). The user can manually override this selection of photometric points by ticking/unticking the appropriate boxes. (Figure 14)

For this use case, do not make any change in the SED edit/visualize section.

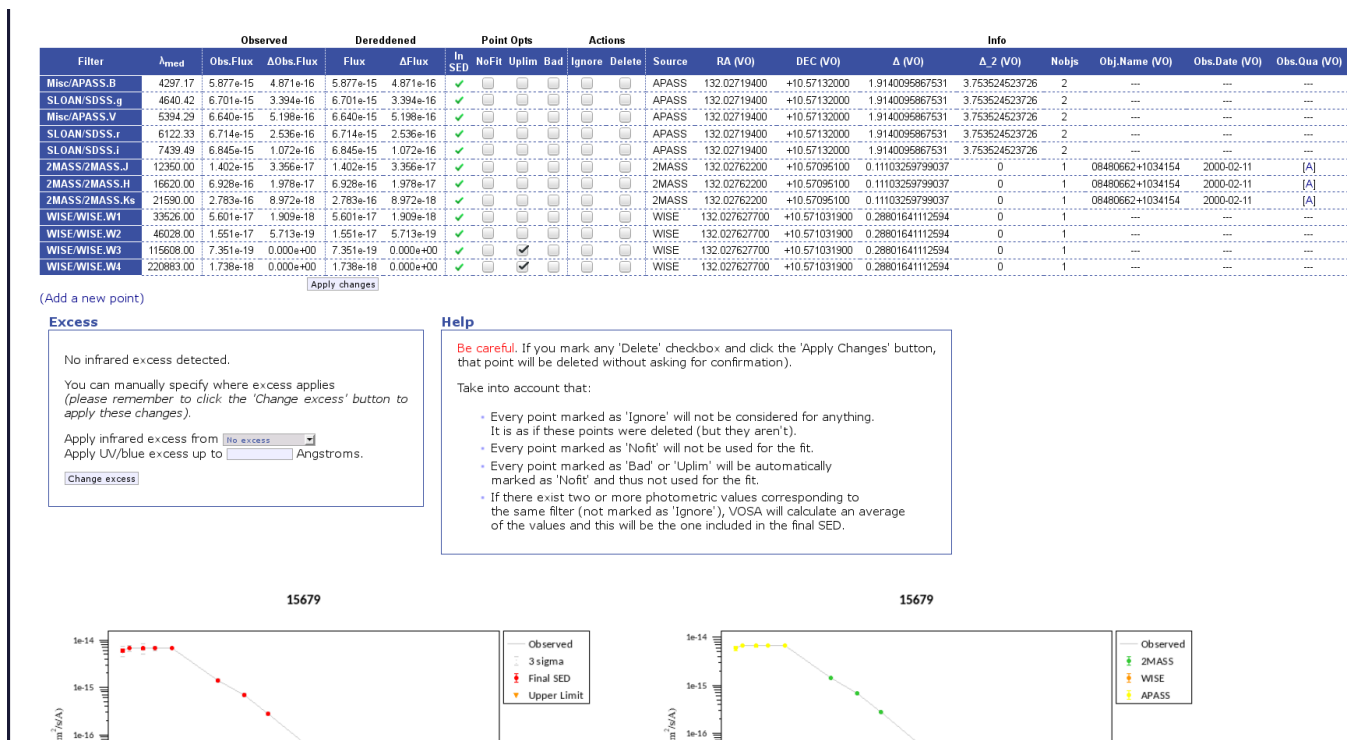


Figure 14.

- Tag “Analyse SEDs”

- Step 7: Place the cursor on the “Analyse SEDs” tag and then click “Chi-square fit”. Different grids of theoretical models covering different ranges of physical parameters are displayed. For this tutorial select only the “Kurucz ODFNEW /NOVER models”. Click “Next: Select mode params”. (Figure 15).

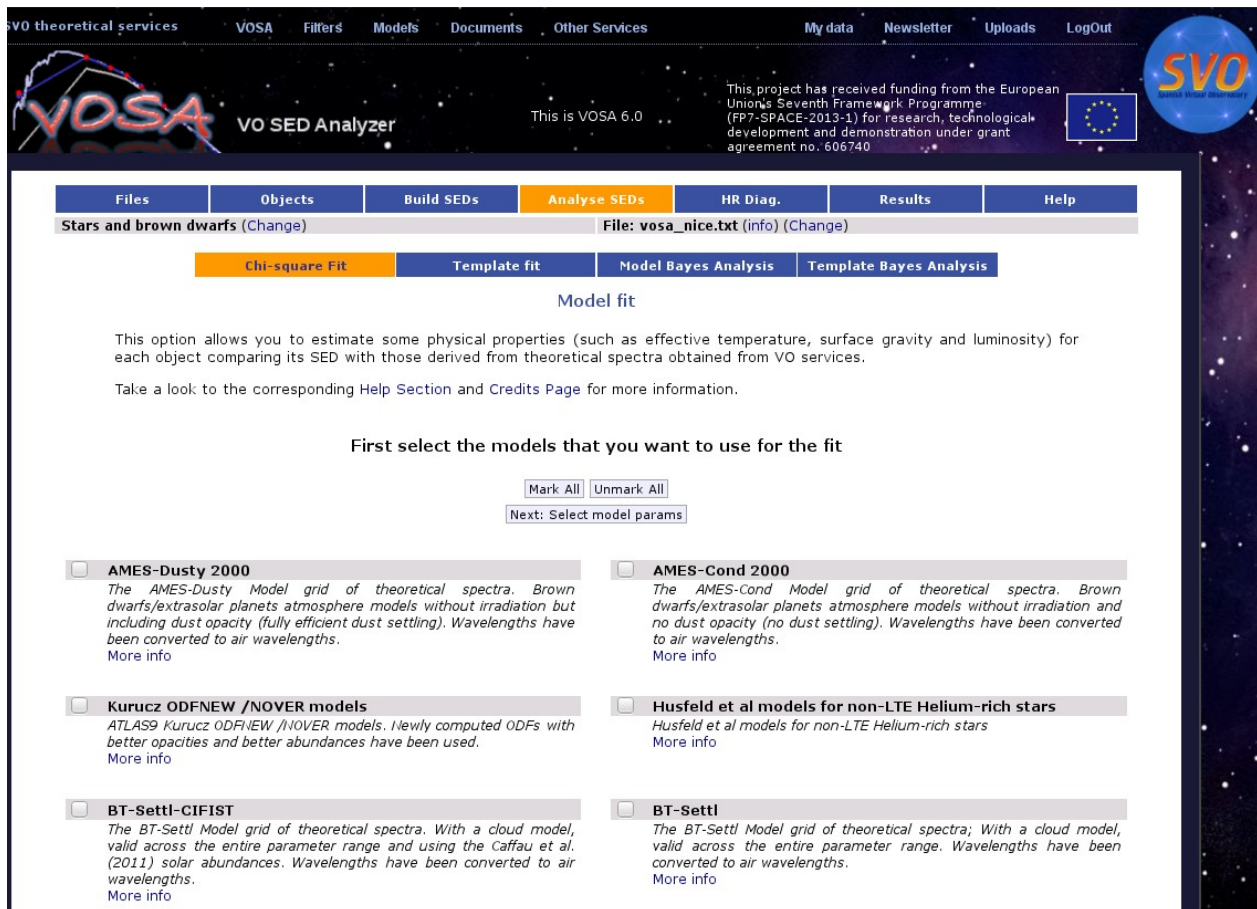


Figure 15

- Step 8.- In this window, we can limit the range of physical parameters that will be used for the fit. To save time we will make the following assumptions:
 - T_{eff} : 4000-8000K
 - $\log g$: 4.0-5.0 dex.
 - $[M/H]=0.0$

Then, click “Make the fit”
- Step 9.- We will see now a summary table with the best fit results. Click on “Show graphs” to have a look at the graphics. The table can be sent to TOPCAT using the “Send Table to SAMP hub” button. (Figure 16).

Files Objects Build SEDs **Analyse SEDs** HR Diag. Results Help

Stars and brown dwarfs (Change) File: vosa_nice.txt (info) (Change)

Chi-square Fit Template fit Model Bayes Analysis Template Bayes Analysis

Model fit

Best fit results

Click in the object name to see the best fits for that object.

Showing objects 1 to 5. Use pagination options if you wish.

Find object: 15679 Show: 5 objects per page

Go to page: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 <Prev Next>

Hide graphs Delete this fit Refine excess Send table to SAMP Hub

Click here to configure what fields to show

| Object | RA | DEC | D (pc) | Model | A_v | T_{eff} | logg | Meta. | more | χ^2 | M_d | $F_{\text{obs}}/F_{\text{tot}}$ | $L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{sun}}$ | $\Delta L_{\text{bol}}/L_{\text{sun}}$ | $N_{\text{fit}}/N_{\text{tot}}$ | Data VOTables |
|--------|------------|-----------|---------|--------|-------|------------------|------|-------|------|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 15679 | 132.027592 | 10.57096 | 880.196 | Kurucz | --- | 6250 | 5 | 0 | --- | 4.760e+1 | 6.492e-22 | 0.57 | 1.295e+0 | 1.127e-1 | 12/12 | Syn Spec. |
| 16088 | 132.498168 | 10.931766 | 921.531 | Kurucz | --- | 5750 | 5 | 0 | --- | 7.653e-1 | 7.141e-22 | 0.57 | 1.137e+0 | 1.718e-1 | 12/12 | Syn Spec. |
| 16218 | 132.951477 | 11.302158 | 875.569 | Kurucz | --- | 5750 | 5 | 0 | --- | 5.312e-1 | 6.653e-22 | 0.58 | 9.728e-1 | 1.106e-1 | 12/12 | Syn Spec. |
| 17136 | 132.539938 | 11.644976 | 869.840 | Kurucz | --- | 5750 | 4 | 0 | --- | 8.322e-1 | 7.014e-22 | 0.58 | 1.002e+0 | 1.527e-1 | 12/12 | Syn Spec. |
| 17248 | 131.872333 | 11.478723 | 868.712 | Kurucz | --- | 5500 | 4 | 0 | --- | 1.937e+0 | 7.081e-22 | 0.59 | 8.793e-1 | 9.053e-2 | 12/12 | Syn Spec. |

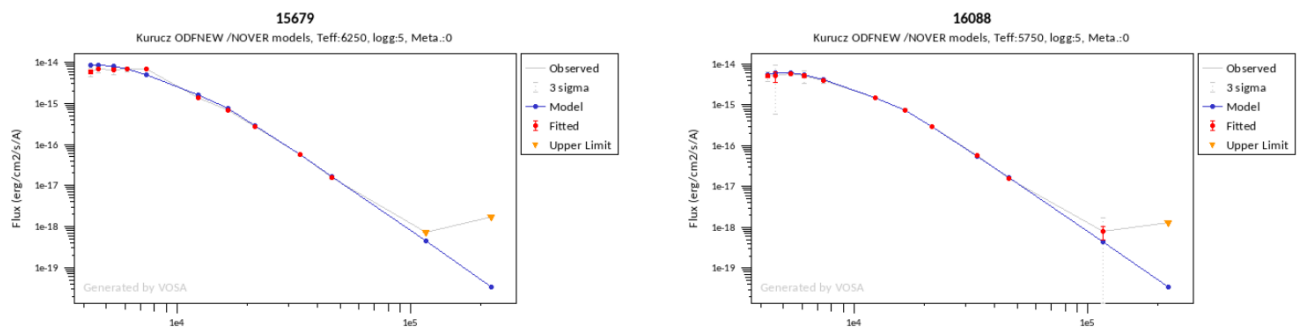


Figure 16

To get information on the radii derived from VOSA, click “Click here to configure what fields to show” and tick R1 and R2. Click “Save config.” Radii obtained using two different approaches will now appear in the summary table. More information on how VOSA calculates radii can be found at:

<http://svo2.cab.inta-csic.es/theory/vosa/helpw4.php?type=star&action=help&what=fit#fit.radius>